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In re the Application of

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For: MULTILAYER CERAMIC CAPACITOR AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the September 4, 2002, Office Action and the interview held  
September 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 7 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter

contained therein.

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A multilayer ceramic capacitor comprising:

internal electrode layers; and

dielectric layers, the dielectric layers comprising particles, wherein an average particle diameter (R), in a direction parallel with said internal electrode layers, is larger than a thickness (d) of said dielectric layer, wherein a ratio (R/d) between said average particle diameter (R) and the thickness (d) of said dielectric layer satisfies  $1 < R/d < 3$ , and wherein the thickness (d) of said dielectric layer is less than 3  $\mu\text{m}$ .